

remove the bent lines and replace them with straight lines. In addition, a drawing description has been provided for each figure and page 6, line 10 has been corrected for clarity.

Applicants believe the corrected drawings overcome the objections to the drawings.

In the Specification

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification attached hereto. A marked-up version of the substitute specification showing all the changes to the specification of record is also attached with insertions and deletions indicated by underlining and bracketing, respectively. No new matter has been added.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicants have included herewith pages showing the mark ups of the claims with insertions and deletions indicated by underlining and bracketing, respectively.

Sub C1 1.(amended) An interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly, comprising:
a plurality of blocks laid up in courses in a staggered relationship,
wherein three different block configurations are provided, stretcher and corner blocks having lengths at least one and a half times the width, and half block having the same width and a length up to half the length of stretcher and corner blocks, said blocks comprising:
a pair of spaced, parallel, upright sidewalls having flat top and bottom surfaces, said sidewalls having block-interlocking means;
a first transverse end wall extending between said sidewalls spaced from a second end of said blocks; and
a second transverse end wall extending between said sidewalls spaced from a second end of said blocks.

2.(amended) An interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly, comprising

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a plurality of blocks laid up in courses in a staggered relationship according to claim 1 wherein the stretcher block comprises:

a pair of spaced, parallel, upright sidewalls (1, 2) having flat top and bottom surfaces, said sidewalls having block-interlocking means (3, 4, 5, 6) on opposed ends thereof;

a first transverse, protruding end wall (7) extending between said sidewalls at a first end of said block; and

a second transverse, protruding end wall (8) extending between said sidewalls spaced from a second end of said block.

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3.(amended) An interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly, comprising a plurality of blocks laid up in courses in a staggered relationship according to claim 1 wherein the corner block comprises:

a pair of spaced, parallel, upright sidewalls (9, 10) having flat top and bottom surfaces, said sidewalls having block-interlocking means (11, 12, 13, 14) on opposed ends thereof;

a first transverse end wall (15) extending between said sidewalls at a first end of said block;

a second transverse end wall (16) extending between said sidewalls spaced from a second end of said block;

a transverse upright support web (17) spans said sidewalls, is integral and defines a cavity for receiving cementitious material therein; and

protrusions (18) on the inside of sidewalls, extending from a base substantially coplanar with said sidewall bottom surfaces and having tips extending above said sidewall top surfaces configured to interlock with a block in a next succeeding course.

4.(amended) An interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly, comprising a plurality of blocks laid up in courses in a staggered relationship according to claim 1 wherein the half block comprises:

a pair of spaced, parallel, upright sidewalls (19, 20) having flat top and bottom surfaces, said sidewalls having block-interlocking means (21, 22);

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a first transverse end wall (23) extending between said sidewalls at a first end of said block;

a second transverse end wall (24) extending between said sidewalls spaced from a second end of said block; and

a protrusion (25) on the inside of said sidewalls, extending from a base substantially coplanar with said sidewall bottom surfaces and having a tip extending above said sidewall top surfaces configured to interlock with a block in a next succeeding course.

C361/ 9.(twice amended) The interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly according to claim 1, wherein the blocks are used to house lintels without requiring the use of form work.

C361/ 19.(amended) The interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly according to claim 2, wherein the blocks are used to house lintels without requiring the use of form work.

C461/ 23.(amended) The interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly according to claim 3, wherein the blocks are used to house lintels without requiring the use of form work.

C361/ 27.(amended) The interlocking modular block system for mortarless wall assembly according to claim 4, wherein the blocks are used to house lintels without requiring the use of form work.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 19, 23, and 27 have been amended to clarify the limitations of the invention, in view of the Examiner's comments under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, §102(b) and §103(a) provided in the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2002. The specification has been amended to correct the descriptions of the figures, which were objected to in the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2002, and to add indicator numbers corresponding